

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

Initially, Applicant wishes to acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowability of previously submitted dependent claim 37 as set forth on page 6, paragraph 9 of the Examiner's final rejection. Applicant by the instant amendment has rewritten dependent claim 37 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim from which it depends. Therefore, amended independent claim 36, which incorporates all of the subject matter of indicated allowable dependent claim 37, is now in condition for allowance. Applicant has canceled those claims drawn to non-elected species. Therefore, all of the claims as currently pending are in condition for allowance and the early issuance of a formal notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

With regard to the Examiner's objection set forth on page 2, paragraph 3 of the Office action, Applicant respectfully draws the Examiner's attention to page 13 of the specification and, more particularly, the first full paragraph of page 13.

In light of the amendments made in the instant application, the instant application is in condition for allowance and the early indication of same is respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims as pending patentably define over the art of record and the early issuance of a formal notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would

be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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